

Ceremony Held for City's First Female Eagle Scout



As a young girl, Lorien Jackson was interested in scouting, but there wasn't a troop to join where she lives in Falls Church. She found a home with Boy Scouts Troop 1888, an all-girls troop sponsored by the American Legion Post 177 in Fairfax City. During a ceremony in July, Jackson, now an eighth grader, became the first female in the troop to achieve Eagle Scout, the Boy Scouts of America's highest rank.

For her Eagle Scout project, Jackson chose to replenish the supply of flying squirrel feeding station kits available at Hidden Oaks Nature Center. With families stuck at home during the pandemic, the kits were a popular at-home activity, and the nature center was nearly out of

stock. Jackson recruited fellow scouts and organized an assembly line in her backyard. The scouts cut, sanded, assembled, and packaged more than 40 new kits.

"Lorien went above and beyond in developing flying squirrel feeding station box kits for Hidden Oaks Nature Center," says Suzanne Holland, visitor services manager at the nature center. "Younger scouts and families have benefited from her efforts in supporting native backyard wildlife. Another Eagle Scout candidate is currently using the assembled boxes to refurbish almost a dozen well-used feeding stations at Hidden Oaks. Lorien's project benefited the natural history education and resource management at the park."

Jackson's path to becoming an

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The **Connecting Fairfax City for All** stakeholder advisory group will present recommendations to City Council at their Sept. 14 work session. The recommendations and plan will be discussed during the City Council's Sept. 28 work session. City Council meetings begin at 7 p.m.

Watch live on Channel 12 (Verizon and COX), or on fairfaxva.gov. Share your thoughts at engage.fairfaxva.gov.

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CITY NEWS

City Government Offices Holiday Closures

Monday, Sept. 6 - Labor Day

- City government offices: closed
 - General District Court: closed
 - Fairfax Museum & Visitor Center: open
 - CUE Bus: Saturday schedule
- Info: fairfaxva.gov, 703-385-7800

Holiday Refuse/Recycling Collection Schedule

- Monday, Sept. 6: no service
- Tuesday, Sept. 7: Monday and Tuesday refuse and recycling routes collected
- Sept. 6-10: All city neighborhoods may experience delays in yard waste and debris collection. Please leave all items at the curb until they are collected.

Info: fairfaxva.gov (search "refuse holiday"), 703-385-7837

Early Voting In-Person, by Mail Begins Sept. 17



All registered voters may apply today for early voting ballots for the Nov. 2 General Election. Apply online at vote.elections.virginia.gov,

or send completed applications to registrar@fairfaxva.gov.

In-person early voting begins Sept. 17 in the Office of Elections (City Hall Annex, Room 300). Please bring your ID; no application required.

Early voting ballots may be returned by mail or placed in the secure ballot drop box at the City Hall Atrium east entrance (facing George Mason Blvd.).

Info: fairfaxva.gov/vote, 703-385-7891

Personal Property Tax Payments Due Oct. 5

Personal property and vehicle registration fee payments are due by

Oct. 5. Late payments will incur a 10% penalty, plus interest.

How to pay your bill:

- Use the secure drop box at City Hall (on the circular driveway accessible from Armstrong St.)
- Mail (must be postmarked by Oct. 5)
- Online: click on the *Payments* button on the city homepage
- In person at the Treasurer's Office in City Hall, open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays (excluding holidays)

Info: fairfaxva.gov (search "Personal Property Tax"), 703-385-7900

To request a copy of your bill, call 703-385-7900 (then press 1). To make changes to your bill, call 703-385-7885.

Reminder: the city issues decals only for vehicles registered at addresses in Residential Parking Permit Districts. Info: fairfaxva.gov (search "Personal Property Tax")



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IT'S THE LAW





SECOND FRIDAYS

June - September

Movie Starts At Sundown

FUN & FREE FOR ALL AGES
BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR AND BLANKETS

VAN DYCK PARK
3720 OLD LEE HWY

OLD TOWN SQUARE
10415 NORTH STREET

FAIRFAX CITY

THE ROCK BLOCK

4TH FRIDAYS
JUNE-OCTOBER
6:30 - 9:30PM

LIVE MUSIC
BEER GARDEN
FOOD VENDORS



COUNCIL REPORTER

PLEASE NOTE: summaries have been edited. To read the full Council Reporter, visit fairfaxva.gov and click on "City Meetings."

COUNCIL ACTIONS OF JULY 13, 2021

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously, the consideration of a third amendment to the city manager's employment agreement. *(Councilmember Stehle was absent.)*

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Approved, unanimously, the request for approval of a special use permit to allow a family home daycare with more than four children in the Residential High Zoning District at 10913 Warwick Ave., subject to conditions. *(Councilmember Stehle was absent.)*
- Approved, unanimously, (without expiration) the request of Fairfax Veterinary Hospital for consideration of renewal of a special use permit to allow an animal care facility in the Commercial Retail Zoning District and Old Town Fairfax Transition Overlay District at 10396 Willard Way, subject to conditions. *(Councilmember Stehle was absent.)*
- Approved, unanimously, (without expiration) the request of Medical Management International, Inc., dba Banfield Pet Hospital, for consideration of renewal of a special use permit to allow an animal care facility in the Commercial Retail Zoning District and Architectural Control Overlay District at 9516 Main St., subject to conditions. *(Councilmember Stehle was absent.)*
- Approve, unanimously, a supplemental appropriation resolution in the amount of \$41,434 to fund upgrades to the NextBus Automatic Vehicle Locator System on CUE Buses. *(Councilmember Stehle was absent.)*

COUNCIL ACTIONS OF JULY 27, 2021

CONSENT AGENDA

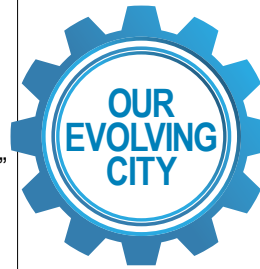
- Approved, unanimously: Consideration to award of contract for the University Drive extension project to Tavares Concrete Company; and Consideration of amending the City of Fairfax Purchasing Resolution.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Approved, 5-1, an ordinance amending portions and articles of Chapter 110 (Zoning), including Introductory Provisions, Zoning Districts and Regulations, Site Development Standards, Development Review and Definition, effective September 1, 2021. *(In favor: Councilmembers Harmon, Lim, Miller, Ross, and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmember Yi.)*

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- Approved, unanimously, to appoint Ambassador Joseph Huggins to the Northern Virginia Community College Board, and Anthony Coleman to the Planning Commission.
- Approved, unanimously, to reappoint Mark Chandler to NOVA Parks.



City's First Affordable Housing Development Underway

The Metro Church on Pickett Road has been demolished to make way for Sutton Heights, a new 50-unit town-house development that will increase housing diversity in the city. City Council adopted an Affordable Dwelling Unit ordinance last year that allows for bonus densities when affordable dwelling units are included in a development proposal. Sutton Heights includes five affordable dwelling units – the city's first under the new ordinance – and is conveniently located near shopping, dining, and employment opportunities.



Sutton Heights rendering

Park(ing) Day 2021

Friday, September 17th
11am to 2pm

Join us as we celebrate the internationally recognized Park(ing) Day event by taking over parking spaces at Fair City Mall and transforming them into a pop-up park for public enjoyment.

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Economic Development

fairfaxcityconnected.com/parkingday2021



A Different Way to Think About Rain

Most people don't think about stormwater runoff

unless their basement floods or their yard is washing away. Managing stormwater is one of the key environmental services provided by Fairfax City. The city's stormwater management infrastructure, which includes 1,800 structures and 57 miles of pipe, requires constant maintenance to prevent back-ups and ensure the quality of the runoff complies with increasingly stringent local, state, and federal regulations.

Any time natural areas are developed into roads, neighborhoods, parking lots, or commercial areas, the volume and rate of water flow from rain and snow increases. Rain and snow that does not seep into natural surfaces like grass and soil flows through the collection system and is discharged into local waterways, like Accotink Creek. If a surface is mostly (75-100%) hard or impervious, very little (approximately 15%) of the rain is absorbed into the ground. This runoff carries whatever is already on the ground downstream, such as trash, oil, fertilizer, pet waste, grass clippings, and other pollutants. Runoff also exacerbates erosion problems that lead to

property loss, wildlife habitat degradation, and tree loss.

Many communities across the country have created a stormwater utility to focus resources (people and funds) on addressing and preventing the problems caused by stormwater. The funds pay for the installation and maintenance of stormwater management infrastructure, such as drains, pipes, channels, outfalls, storage vaults, rain gardens, and stream restorations, as well as the staff who plan and manage this critical infrastructure that helps keep cities safe from flooding and preserves the beauty and quality of the surrounding environment.

Equitable Solution

The City's stormwater fund is currently supported by three cents from the real estate tax rate, which generates \$2 million annually toward projects that improve water quality and reduce flooding. However, a property's real estate tax is based on a property's value, which does not have a direct connection to the amount of runoff a property may generate. This means that currently, a home surrounded by a grass yard and a small driveway could be contributing much more to the

stormwater fund – even though the property generates very little runoff – than another property that creates more runoff that must be managed.

The City would like to more equitably fund the stormwater program by connecting the cost to managing stormwater with property characteristics that generate the need for the infrastructure. In addition, there are 183 properties that are exempt from real estate taxes but still generate runoff. These properties currently do not contribute to the stormwater program.

Creating and funding a stormwater utility provides more equity than tax-based funding because a property's fees are based on the amount of impervious surface they have, not the value of the property. The amount of impervious surface is a measure that is directly correlated to the amount of runoff a property generates.

The City is developing a credit program for residential, commercial, and nonprofit property owners who invest in ways to reduce their stormwater runoff, and participate in other stormwater-positive activities.

Visit engage.fairfaxva.gov for more information and to share your thoughts.



One
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of
rain

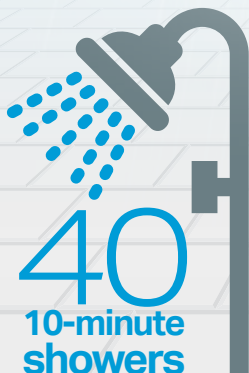
that falls on a
3,000 square-foot
impervious surface
generates



1,028
gallons
of runoff

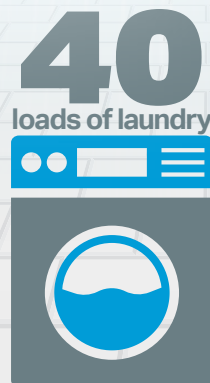


1,028
gallons
of runoff
is equivalent
to ...



40
10-minute
showers

or



40
loads of laundry

or



12 car washes
on your driveway

or



letting a
garden hose
run wide open
for an hour



HELPING HANDS

THE CITY NEEDS PEOPLE LIKE YOU

BOARD AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

Board of Building Code Appeals (one mechanical or plumbing vacancy), **Board of Zoning Appeals** (one vacancy), **Commission on the Arts** (two vacancies), **Community Appearance Committee** (five resident vacancies, one garden club representative), **Environmental Sustainability Committee** (one vacancy), **Regional – Fairfax Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board** (one vacancy), **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board** (one vacancy), **Personnel Advisory Board** (one vacancy).

To apply, visit fairfaxva.gov and search "boards and vacancies," or call 703-385-7935.

HELP RUN A SPECIAL EVENT

Are you interested in working a variety of special events in the city, such as the Fall Festival and the Holiday Craft Show? With a small time commitment (two or more hours), you can help with administration duties prior to and during an event (crafter check-in, information gate worker, activity leader, etc.). There are many fun jobs available! Interested? Call 703-385-7949 for information.

Fun! Funky!

Hey Bargain Hunters!

FAIRFAX FUNKY FLEA MARKET

Monthly Outdoor Flea Market
Featuring Fun Eclectic Finds!

LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
APRIL-OCTOBER
2021 DATES: 9/25 AND 10/30
8:00AM-2:00PM

Fairfax City Hall Parking Lot
10455 Armstrong St. Fairfax, VA 22030

FAIRFAX CITY
Parks & Recreation

Co-owners: Sharon Buttram and Kathy Hackshaw
Vendors and Visitors contact us: info@fairfaxfunkyflea.com
www.fairfaxfunkyflea.com



City of Fairfax Fire Department by the numbers

The City of Fairfax Fire Department achieved accredited agency status from the Commission on Fire Accreditation, Inc. on March 3, 2020, joining 86 other accredited fire departments. (Read the fire department's 2020 Annual Report at fairfaxva.gov.)

83 PERSONNEL

2 specialized engine companies

171 FIRE RESPONSES (2020)

3,159 rescue and medical emergencies (2020)

163 hazardous conditions responses (2020)

25 CPRs performed during cardiac arrest incidents (2020)

3,900 hours of emergency medical services training

720 plan reviews

6,448 building code inspections

22 FIRE MARSHAL INVESTIGATIONS

Project to Rehabilitate Old Town Hall Begins



Old Town Hall's long-hidden architectural features were revealed after four trees were removed to create room for a ramp and to protect the building from moisture, bugs, and root intrusion.

Wooden support structures have been in place at Fairfax City's historic Old Town Hall since August 2020, when one of the four ornamental columns collapsed in the middle of the night. Now, after an extensive assessment of the building and historical architectural research, the City has begun a project to repair the portico and improve safety and accessibility. Work is antici-

pated to be complete by early 2022.

Rehabilitation plans were presented to City Council on May 25, with recommendations to:

- Replace the failed column;
- Improve ventilation to protect remaining columns from moisture;
- Replace the concrete slab with a wooden floor;
- Reconstruct stone foundation walls;
- Install stairs on north side of portico;
- Construct a ramp to provide ADA-compliant access to the main entrance.

Located in the heart of the City of Fairfax Historic District and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Old Town Hall is a defining landmark in the city. The hall was built in 1900 by Joseph E. Willard and presented to the Town of Fairfax in 1902. The stately building has been the center of the city's social life ever since. The historic building is a visual connection to the city's past, with present-day uses for special events, children's programming, and performances.



CURIOUS CITIZENS

How do I dispose of an old dehumidifier unit that still has some Freon in it?

Any appliances that contain refrigerant are considered hazardous waste. Refrigerants must be properly removed by a certified refrigeration or appliance professional before the city's trash service can collect it. Otherwise, residents may take it to Fairfax County I-66 Transfer Station at 4618 West Ox Rd, Fairfax. 703-637-1179.

First Female Eagle Scout

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Eagle Scout wasn't easy. Unlike the established boys' troops, which had older scouts to guide the younger members, her troop was new and didn't have anyone to pass down institutional knowledge. Jackson and her fellow female scouts had to navigate the lower scouting ranks on their own. "Newer female scouts won't have that problem, however," she said.

"Lorien is part of a group of trailblazers, and her accomplishments will serve as an example for future female scouts to reach for similar heights," says Troop 1888 Scoutmaster Matthew Cook.

Jackson says it means a lot to her to become the first female from her troop to achieve Eagle Scout, but that this isn't the end of her scouting career. "I hope to inspire other scouts to advance and help them become

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FAIRFAX CITY & THE CLIFTON LIONS CLUB PRESENT THE



22ND ANNUAL LABOR DAY CAR SHOW

**MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 6, 2021
8AM - 3PM
4081 UNIVERSITY DR
FAIRFAX, VA**

\$25 ONLINE REGISTRATION
(INCLUDES FREE EVENT HAT)

\$25 DAY OF EVENT REGISTRATION
(HAT AVAILABLE FOR \$15)

OPEN SHOW

ANTIQUES, CLASSICS,
FOREIGN, CUSTOMS,
STREET RODS, MUSCLE
CARS, TRUCKS,
MOTORCYCLES AND
MORE!

FEATURES

PARTICIPANT PICK AWARD
SPECIAL TROPHIES
FOOD & DJ

NOTE

THE SHOW WILL BE OPERATING
UNDER ANY COVID GUIDELINES
AT THE TIME OF THE EVENT.
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WEBSITE FOR STATUS UPDATES
REGARDING THIS.

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FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: CARSHOWMGMT@GMAIL.COM



W E I N T H E A R T S



**10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
September 18,
Old Town Square**
American Dance
Movement will
teach city resi-
dents a dance

routine to be performed together that
afternoon in Old Town Square. Dance
groups from around the Fairfax area
will be performing and giving lessons
all day.

The Bonita Lestina Old Town Hall Performance Series 8 p.m. Fridays, Old Town Hall

Oct. 15: Carl Earl, acoustic guitarist
and storyteller
Oct. 29: Project Locrea, world music
ensemble

Mason Arts at Old Town Hall

This monthly series showcases the
spectacular students from George
Mason University's College of
Visual and Performing Arts. A
different artistic discipline is high-
lighted each month.

Oct. 13: Dewberry School of Music, 7 p.m.

Friday Morning Music Club

Oct. 21: Old Town Hall, noon

Fall Flights Pop-up Dance Performances

Be on the lookout for Next Reflex
Dance's pop-up dance performances
around the city!

Oct. 2: Van Dyck Park, 5 p.m.

Oct. 30: Historic Blenheim, 5 p.m.

**CAR
FREE
DAY
METRO DC**



9.22.21

Find car-free ideas and more information at
carfreemetrodc.org

History PROGRAMS

"School Bells are Ringing"

2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12

Debbie Schaefer-Jacobs, commu-
nity life curator at The Smithsonian
Institution, will present this virtual
program at 2 p.m.

Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim

**Seeing the Elephant: Soldiers',
Civilians', and Enslaved Peoples'
Experience in the Civil War**

2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25

Living history performers will tell
stories of their ancestors and others
as we mark the 160th anniversary
of the American Civil War. Listen to
the words of Civil War soldiers as
they prepared for combat and pre-
pared for hardships and risks of
war. Hear the stories of women,
enslaved people, and free Black
people who made difficult decisions
to preserve their homes or lives
during this cataclysmic period of the
United States of America. *Info:*
fairfaxva.gov (search "Historic
Resources").

New Exhibit at the Museum and Visitors Center

**The Long Tradition of Virginia
Canneries**

The history of Virginia canneries is
showcased in this traveling exhibi-
tion from the Blue Ridge Institute in
Ferrum, Virginia. The story is told
by oral interviews with former can-
nery workers, production images,
and displays of canning equipment
and a myriad of labels for canned
products. The exhibition runs Sept.
15 through Dec. 31.

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National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month, and our community is participating! As a community, it is important to come together and assess our risks and prepare for disasters to mitigate future losses in our lives. This September, there are a number of simple actions you can take to reduce risk in your life.



Week 1: Make or update your emergency plan.

Talk to your friends and family about how you will communicate before, during, and after disasters.

Week 2: Prepare a home or car emergency kit. Doing it before a disaster strikes can be lifesaving. Gather enough supplies that will last for at least two weeks after a disaster.

Week 3: Prepare for disasters. Know your risks and check your insurance coverage. Take

advantage of our free online training at PlanetReady.com/fairfaxcity today.

Week 4: Teach youth about preparedness: Tell your kids or students about preparing for emergencies and what to do in case you are separated. Reassure them by providing information about how they can get involved.

Make sure to sign up for Fairfax City Alerts at fairfaxva.gov/fairfaxcityalert so you can be first to know of any disruptions.

If you haven't already, remember to visit PlanetReady.com/fairfaxcity and complete the Cyber Preparedness Exercise!

It doesn't take long to prepare, and some simple steps to get ready before disasters can make all the difference when a disaster happens. Take the time now and help make our community more resilient.



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Eagles, too," she said.

Jackson encourages young girls to become Eagle Scouts. She acknowledges that achieving the award will be difficult, but she sees the accomplishment as more than just an award. "It's a symbol that says you know what you are doing and where you are going in life. It will teach you skills that will stay with you. You are going to get discouraged at some point along the way, but don't give up. It is worth working hard to achieve."

If you know of a girl who would like to follow Lorien's path to Eagle Scout, contact Bsatroop1888@gmail.com.